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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTIONS: DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY

1. THE ITALIAN CHARGE INFORMED US ON AUGUST 25 THAT THERE ARE TWO POINTS IN THE DRAFT ITALIAN/GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION AWAITING RESOLUTION. THE FIRST IS THE EAST GERMAN WISH TO PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO CONSULAR AGENTS (THE GDR HAS SUCH AN AGENT IN MILAN). THE SECOND IS THE STRONG GDR INTENTION TO DEFINE NATIONALITY IN THE CONVENTION. THE ITALIAN DCM ASKED FOR, AND RECEIVED, A STATUS REPORT ON US/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE US POSITION ON NON-INCLUSION OF A DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY WAS INFLEXIBLE. HE WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR THIS AND SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO REFRAIN FROM CONCLUDING A CONSULAR AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF US/GDR NEGOTIATIONS AS THESE RELATE TO THE QUESTION OF DEFINING NATIONALITY.

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2. WE HAD EARLIER LEARNED FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE AND FROM THE BELGIAN CHARGE THAT THEY, ALSO, HAVE ADVISED THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO BE TOUGH ON THE NATIONALITY QUESTION IN THE HOPE THAT A COMMON WESTERN FRONT WILL PREVAIL AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF AN UNNECESSARY AND UNWANTED PARAGRAPH ON NATIONALITY IN CONSULAR CONVENTIONS. BOTH THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS TOLD US THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL BE GUIDED BY US LEADERSHIP.

"WE ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE AMERICANS DO," THEY SAID.

3. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT GDR AMBASSADOR KLOBES WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE THE ITALIANS, FRENCH AND BELGIANS TO ADOPT SOME FORM OF COMPROMISE ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, PERHAPS ALONG BRITISH LINES. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE TO THESE GOVERNMENTS IN ANY CONVERSATIONS ON CONSULAR CONVENTIONS THE FIRMESS OF THE US POSITION ON NATIONALITY, AND THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING A COMMON FRONT ON THIS ISSUE.
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